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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director

FROM : John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Future of the USIB Security Committee

1. The provisions of Executive Order 11905 assigned to the DCI responsibilities to: (a) ensure the development of appropriate programs which properly protect intelligence sources, methods, and analytical procedures; (b) establish a vigorous program to downgrade and declassify foreign intelligence information as appropriate and consistent with Executive Order 11652; and (c) ensure the establishment, by the Intelligence Community, of common security standards for managing and handling foreign intelligence systems, information and products, and for granting access thereto.

2. In acknowledging these responsibilities, we submit that it is essential for some forum to exist where the formulation and promulgation of uniform security policies and standards can be executed. We suggest that that forum be a committee composed of the senior security representatives of several foreign intelligence agencies defined in the Executive Order.

3. To satisfy the necessary Secretariat function for a security committee, an Executive Secretary should be established and organizationally located in either (a) the Office of the Director of Central Intelligence, (b) the IC Staff, or (c) the Office of Security, CIA.

4. We recommend that the Executive Secretary be assigned to the Office of the Director of Central Intelligence and draw whatever additional staff support he needs from the Office of Security, CIA, or wherever else in the Community a peculiar expertise exists.

5. We further recommend that a chairman of the security committee be designated by the DCI, and because of the peculiar

security demands of CIA and the Agency's long history of providing the security support to the USIB committees, and the fact that the security committee would rely heavily for staff support on the Office of Security, CIA, we suggest that the chairman be a professional CIA security officer.

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The recommendations contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 are:

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